PRAYERS

IN THE

CLOSET,

For the Uſe of All

DEVOUT CHRISTIANS.

Collected out of the *Beſt Companion*, by the Author of the ſame.

Matth. 6. 6. *When thou prayeſt, enter into thy Cloſet; and when thou haſt ſhut the door, pray to thy Father which is in ſecret; and thy Father, which ſeeth in ſecret, ſhall reward thee openly.*

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TO THE READER.

IN the Preface to the Beſt Companion, *I gave ſome Directions how thoſe Prayers, which were principally deſigned for Publick Uſe, might alſo become ſerviceable to any one in his moſt ſecret Retirement. And though the Directions there given were exemplified after the plaineſt manner: Yet ſtill ſome, whoſe Capacities are of a lower ſize, might not underſtand them: Others again, conceiving it a trouble too great to follow them, might perhaps be altogether diſcouraged, upon this account from the private uſe of the Devotions themſelves.*

So much being ſuggeſted to me, and a Requeſt withal being made, That for the ſake of theſe I would draw the ſubſtance of the ſaid Prayers into two or three Collects, and make them yet more eaſily ſubſervient to every one's Cloſet Neceſſities, *I readily complied and promiſed my Endeavour. 'Tis impoſſible indeed that the wiſeſt Heads ſhould ever frame ſuch a form of words as ſhall anſwer the Wants and Exigencies of every one's private Condition. The utmoſt Advance that can be made in this kind of Eſſay, will go no farther than the laying down ſuch Generals as ought to be the Matter of every Chriſtian's Requeſts to Heaven,*

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and the commodating their Expreſſions, ſo that each ſingle Votary may readily apply them to his own particular Concerns.

Now both theſe are moſt eminently conſpicuous in the devout Prayers of our Church: And if they are not equally ſo in the parts of the ſame here brought together in this Performance, the Workman only muſt be blamed. For true precious Stones, if artificially cut and rightly placed, can never fail to ſhew themſelves to the greateſt Advantage. However, if theſe Prayers are truly directed to the ſame ends for which they have been compiled, I doubt not but they will bring glory to God, honour to the Church, whoſe ſound and wholſome words they are, and everlaſting comfort to every Soul that uſeth them.

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PRAYERS

In the Cloſet.

Prayers both for Morning and Night.

CONFESSION.

ALmighty God, Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, Maker of all things, Judge of all Men: I acknowledge and bewail my manifold ſins and wickedneſs, which I from time to time moſt grievouſly have committed by thought, word, and deed againſt thy Divine Majeſty, provoking muſt juſtly thy wrath and indignation againſt me. I have followed too much the devices and deſires of mine own heart. I have offended againſt thy holy Laws. I have left undone thoſe things which I ought to have done *. And I have done thoſe things which I ought not to have done †. And there is no health in me. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon me miſerable offender. Spare me, O God, who confeſs my faults. And grant that I, whoſe Conſcience by ſin is accuſed, by thy merciful pardon may be abſolved, thro' Chriſt our Lord. O create and make in me a new and contrite heart, that I worthily lamenting my ſins, and acknowledging

* *Here confeſs thy particular Sins of* Omiſſion.

† *Here confeſs thy particular Sins of* Commiſſion.

lodging my wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, thro' the same Jesus Christ our Lord; whom of thy tender mercy thou didst give to suffer death upon the Cross for our Redemption, and who made there (by that oblation of himself once offered,) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world. Spare me therefore, good Lord, spare me whom thou hast redeem'd. Enter not into judgment with thy servant, who am vile earth, a miserable sinner; but so turn thine anger from me, and so make haste to help me in this world, that I may ever live with thee in the world to come. *Amen.*

That you may the better call to mind what particular Sins you have been guilty of, before you begin to confess them, you would do well carefully to peruse the Table of Sins at the end of The Best Companion.

For Pardon and Grace.

ALmighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon me the abundance of thy Mercy, forgiving me those things whereof my conscience is afraid, and giving me those good things which I am not worthy to ask, but thro' the Merits and Mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. For his sake

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O Lord, give me true Repentance: Forgive me all my ſins, negligences, and ignorances; and endue me with the Grace of thy Holy Spirit, that I may amend my life according to thy holy word. Mortifie and kill all vices in me; and ſo ſtrengthen me by thy Grace, that by the innocency of my life, and conſtancy of my faith even unto death, I may glorifie thy holy Name. Grant me grace to withſtand the Temptations of the World, the Fleſh, and the Devil; and with the pure heart and mind to follow Thee the only God. Vouchſafe, I beſeech thee, to direct, ſanctifie, and govern both my heart and body, in the ways of thy Laws, and in the works of thy Commandments, that thro' thy moſt mighty protection, both now and ever, I may be preſerved in Body and Soul; that I may pleaſe thee both in will and deed,; that I may both perceive and know what things I ought to do, and alſo may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them. Graft in my heart the love of thy Name, increaſe in me true Religion, nouriſh me with all goodneſs, and of thy great mercy evermore keep me in the ſame. O grant that thy grace may always prevent and follow me, and make me continually to be given to all good works; ſo that in all my works begun, continued, and ended in thee, I may glorifie thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlaſting Life thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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Intercession.

O God the Creator and preserver of all Mankind, I humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of Men, that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all Nations. Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels and Hereticks; and take from them all Ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy Flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true *Israelites*, and be made one fold under one shepherd Jesus Christ our Lord. More especially I pray for the good estate of the Catholick Church, that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the Faith in Unity of Spirit, in the bond of Peace, and in Righteousness of Life. I beseech thee, O Lord for this whole Kingdom in general, and particularly for the Queen; that thou wouldst be pleas'd so to dispose and govern her heart that in all her thoughts, words and works she may ever seek thy honour and glory; and study so to preserve us, that Peace and Happiness, Truth and Justice, Religion and Piety may be established among us for all generations. So bless her, O Lord, and all the Royal Family, with the dew of thy heavenly Spirit that they ever trusting in thy goodness, pro-

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ted by thy power, and crowned with thy gracious and endless Favour, may continue before thee in health, peace, joy, and honour, a long and happy Life upon Earth, and after death, obtain everlasting Life and Glory in the Kingdom of Heaven. Be pleased to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy word; and grant, that both by their Preaching and Living they may set it forth, and shew it accordingly. Be pleased to endue the Lords of the Council, and all the Nobility, with Grace, Wisdom, and Understanding. Be pleased to bless and keep the Magistrates, giving them grace to execute Justice, and to maintain Truth. Be pleased to bless and keep all thy People, especially my *Relations*, *Benefactors* and *Friends:* Let thy Fatherly hand, I beseech thee, ever be over them; let thy holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end they may attain everlasting life. Be pleased to forgive all mine enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and to turn their hearts. Lastly, I most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort, and succour all them who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity; to relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their Sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this I beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.* *Thanks-*

Thanksgivings.

ALmighty God, Father of all Mercies, I thine unworthy servant do give thee most humble and hearty thanks, for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to me, and to all men. I bless thee for our Creation, for my continual Preservation (*that of this Day* [or Night] *in particular*) and all the blessings of this life: But above all for thine inestimable love in the Redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of Grace, and for the hope of Glory. Furthermore, I give thee humble thanks that thou hast incorporated me into thy holy Church, that thou hast vouchsafed to call me to the knowledge of thy Grace and Faith in thee. Increase this knowledge, and confirm this Faith in me evermore. Give me a due sense of all thy Mercies, that my heart may be unfeignedly thankful; and that I may shew forth thy praise, not only with my lips, but in my life, by giving up my self to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all my days, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

OUR Father which art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

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And forgive us our treſpaſſes as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

UNto thy mercy and protection, O God, I commit my ſelf this day [*or Night*] and evermore. O Lord, bleſs and keep me: Lord make thy face to ſhine upon me, and be gracious unto me. Lord, lift up thy countenance upon me, and give me peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

If your neceſſary Buſineſs be ſo great and urgent, that it will not allow you time to uſe all the Prayers aforegoing, then begin with the Thankſgiving, and join thereunto the ſhort Prayer for Morning or Night, as followeth.

A ſhort Prayer for the Morning.

O Lord, Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlaſting God, who haſt ſafely brought me to the beginning of this Day; Defend me in the ſame with thy mighty Power, and grant that this day I fall into no ſin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all my doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy ſight, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. O defend me with thy Heavenly grace, that I may continue thine for ever; and daily increaſe in thy Holy

Spirit more and more, until I come to thine everlasting Kingdom. *Amen.*

Our Father, *&c.*

A short Prayer for the Night.

LIghten my darkness, I beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great Mercy defend me from all the perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. In his Name, O God, I commit my self to thy mercy and protection, both this night, and evermore. O Lord, bless and keep me. Lord, make thy face to shine upon me, and be gracious unto me. Lord, lift up the light of thy Countenance upon me, and give me peace both now and evermore. Keep me both outwardly in my body, and inwardly in my soul, that I may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts, which may assault and hurt the Soul, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, *&c.*

PRAYERS to be said by those that are Married.

OGod, who by thy mighty power hast made all things of nothing, who also (after other things set in order) didst appoint that out of Man (created after thine own image and similitude) Woman should take her beginning; and knitting them together didst teach, that it

it ſhould never be lawful to put aſunder thoſe whom thou by Matrimony haſt made One, O God, who haſt conſecrated the ſtate of Matrimony to ſuch an excellent Myſtery, that in it is ſignified and repreſented the Spiritual Marriage and Unity between Chriſt and his Church; Look mercifully upon [*Me and my Wife; and grant that I may love her according to thy word (as Chriſt did love his ſpouſe the Church who gave himſelf for it, loving and cheriſhing it even as his own fleſh;) and alſo, that ſhe may be loving and amiable, faithful and obedient to me, and in all quietneſs, ſobriety, and peace, be a follower of holy and godly Matrons.] O Lord bleſs us both; and grant us to inherit thy everlaſting Kingdom, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Grant, O Lord, that as *Iſaac* and *Rebecca* lived faithfully together, ſo we may ſurely perform and keep the Vow and Covenant betwixt us made, and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy Laws, thro' the ſame Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Look, O Lord, mercifully upon us from Heaven, and bleſs us: And as thou didſt ſend thy Bleſſing upon *Abraham* and *Sarah*, to their great comfort; ſo vouchſafe to ſend thy Bleſſing upon us, that we

** Here the Woman may alter it thus*; Me and my Husband; and grant, that he may love me, (according to my Word) as Chriſt did love his ſpouſe the Church (who gave himſelf for it, loving and cheriſhing it even as his own fleſh,) and alſo that I may be loving and amiable faithful and obedient to him and in all quietneſs, &c.

obeying thy Will, and always being in ſafety under thy protection, may abide in thy love unto our lives end. O God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghoſt, bleſs, preſerve, and keep us: O Lord, mercifully with thy favour look upon us; and ſo fill us with all ſpiritual Benediction and Grace, that we may ſo live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlaſting. *Amen.*

If you want, and deſire Children (being conſcious of no reaſonable Cauſe why you may not ask any) then add as follows:

Furthermore I moſt humbly beſeech thee O merciful Lord, and heavenly Father, by whoſe gracious gift Mankind is increaſed, that thou wouldſt be pleas'd (if thou ſhalt think fit) to aſſiſt us with thy Bleſſing, that we may both be fruitful in procreation of Children, and alſo live together ſo long in godly love and honeſty, that we may ſee our Children Chriſtianly and Vertuouſly brought up, to thy praiſe and honour, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS to be ſaid by thoſe that have Children.

O Merciful Lord, and heavenly Father, by whoſe gracious gift Mankind is increaſed; I give thee humble thanks, that thou haſt been pleaſed to aſſiſt me with thy Bleſſing, and

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to make me the Father (or Mother) of a Child (or Children.) And I beſeech thee, give me thy Grace that I may truly endeavour to ſee *him* (or them) Chriſtianly and Vertuously brought up to thy praiſe and honour, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. And becauſe none can do any thing that is good without thee; grant unto *him* (or them) thy Spirit, O Lord, to think and do always ſuch things as be rightful, that *he* (or they) may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will thro' the ſame Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Let thy Fatherly hand, I beſeech thee, ever be over *him* (or them:) Let thy holy Spirit ever be with *him* (or them,) and ſo lead *him* (or them) in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end *he* (or they) may obtain everlaſting life. Strengthen *him* (or them) I pray thee, with the Holy Ghoſt the Comforter, and daily increaſe in *him* (or them) thy manifold gifts of grace, the ſpirit of wiſdom and underſtanding; the ſpirit of Counſel and ghoſtly ſtrength; the ſpirit of Knowledge and true Godlineſs; and fill *him* (or them,) O Lord, with the ſpirit of thy holy Fear, now and for ever. O defend *him* (or them) with thy heavenly Grace, that *he* (or they) may continue thine for ever: And grant, that being ſtedfaſt in Faith, joyful thro' Hope, and rooted in Charity, *he* (or they) may ſo paſs the waves of this troubleſome world, that finally *he* (or they) may come to the land of everlaſting life, there to reign with

thee world without end, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, *&c.*

PRAYERS to be said upon days of Fasting and Humiliation for Sins.

PSal. 51. 1. *Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies, do away mine offences.*

2. *Wash me throughly from my wickedness; and cleanse me from my sins.*

9. *Turn thy face from my sins; and put out all my misdeeds.*

10. *Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

11. *Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.*

12. *O give me the comfort of thy help again; and establish me with thy free spirit.*

Then say the Confession, Almighty God, Father of, *&c. and after that as follows.*

TUrn thou me, O good Lord, and so shall I be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable unto me, who turn to thee in weeping, fasting and praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou spareſt when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath thinkeſt upon mercy. Spare me, good Lord, spare me; and let me not be brought to confusion. Hear me,

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O Lord, for thy mercy is great; and after the multitude of thy mercies, look upon me thro' the merits and mediation of thy bleſſed Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, I beſeech thee, Almighty God, that I, who for mine evil deeds do worthily deſerve to be puniſhed, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved, thro' our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

After this ſay the Prayer for Pardon and Grace, and then conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

PRAYERS to be ſaid in any time of Trouble or Affliction.

Becauſe Troubles and Afflictions, are as well puniſhments for Sins, as tryals of our Faith and Patience; therefore firſt humble your ſelf before God, in the words of the Confeſſion aforeſaid; and then proceed as follows.

O God merciful Father, that deſpiſeſt not the ſighing of a contrite heart, nor the deſire of ſuch as be ſorrowful; Mercifully aſſiſt my prayers, that I make before thee in theſe my troubles and adverſities, which now oppreſs me. Grant that by the providence of thy goodneſs they may be diſperſed, and that being hurt by no kind of ſufferings, I may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

I Humbly beſeech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon mine infirmities; and for the glory of thy Name, turn me from all thoſe Evils that I moſt righteouſly have deſerved: and grant that in all my troubles I may put my whole truſt and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore ſerve thee in holineſs and pureneſs of living, to thy honour and glory, thro' our only Mediator and Advocate Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

GRant, O Lord, I beſeech thee, that I who am juſtly puniſhed for mine offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodneſs, for the glory of thy Name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour. *Amen.*

ASſiſt me mercifully, O Lord, in theſe my ſupplications and prayers, and ſo diſpoſe me towards the attainment of everlaſting Salvation, that among all the changes and chances of this mortal Life, I may ever be defended by thy moſt gracious and ready help, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlaſting God, who of thy tender love towards Mankind haſt ſent thy Son, our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, to take upon him our Fleſh, and to ſuffer death upon the Croſs, that all Mankind ſhould follow the Example of his great humility; mercifully grant, that I may both follow the Example of his Patience, and alſo be made partakers of his Reſur-

Resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy Kingdom in heaven; I beseech thee, leave me not comfortless; but send me thine Holy Ghost to comfort me, and exalt me unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, *&c.*

PRAYERS for your self, or other, being Sick.

ALmighty and everlasting God, Maker of Mankind, who dost correct those whom thou dost love, and chastise every one whom thou dost receive, I beseech thee, have mercy upon me thy Servant (*or thy Servant A. B.*) now visited with thine hand. Grant that I (*he*) may take my (*his*) sickness patiently, and so sanctify this thy fatherly Correction to me (*him*), that the sense of my (*his*) weakness may add strength to my (*his*) Faith, and seriousness to my (*his*) Repentance. If it shall be thy good pleasure to restore me (*him*) to my (*his*) former health, grant that I (*he*) may lead the residue of my (*his*) Life in thy fear and to thy glory: Or else give me (*him*) grace so to take thy Visitation, that after this Life ended, I (*he*) may dwell with thee in Life ever-

everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, look down from Heaven; behold visit, and relieve me thy servant (*or thy Servant A. B.*) Look upon me (*him*) with the eyes of thy mercy; give me (*him*) comfort and sure confidence in thee; defend me (*him*) from the danger of the Enemy, and keep me (*him*) in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For his sake renew in me (*him*), most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the Devil, or by my (*his*) own carnal will and frailness. Impute not to me (*him*) my (*his*) former sins, but strengthen me (*him*) with thy Blessed Spirit: And whensoever thou shalt be pleased to take me (*him*) hence, take me (*him*) into thy favour, thro' the merits of thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, *&c.*

PRAYERS for your self, or other, being Sick beyond hope of recovery.

O Father of Mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; I beseech thee to succour me (*or thy Servant A. B.*) now lying under thy hand in great weakness of Body. Look graciously upon me (*him*) O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth; strengthen me (*him*) I beseech thee,

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ſo much the more continually with thy Grace and holy Spirit in the inner man. Give me (*him*) unfeigned repentance for all the Errors of my (*his*) Life paſt, and ſtedfaſt Faith in thy Son Jeſus, that my (*his*) ſins may be done away by thy Mercy, and my (*his*) Pardon ſeal'd in Heaven, before I go (*he goes*) hence and be no more ſeen. I know, O Lord, that there is no word impoſſible with thee; and that if thou wilt, thou canſt even yet raiſe me (*him*) up, and grant me (*him*) a longer continuance in this world. Yet, foraſmuch as in all appearance the time of my (*his*) departure draweth near, ſo fit and prepare me, (*him*) I beſeech thee againſt the hour of death, that after my (*his*) departure hence in peace and in thy favour, my (*his*) Soul may be received into thine everlaſting Kingdom. Waſh it, I pray thee, in the Blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was ſlain to take away the ſins of the world; that whatſoever defilements it may have contracted in the midſt of this miſerable and naughty World, thro' the luſts of the Fleſh, or the Wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be preſented pure and without ſpot before thee; that ſo at the general Reſurrection in the laſt day, I (*he*) may be found acceptable in thy ſight, and receive that Bleſſing, which thy well-beloved Son ſhall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, ſaying, Come ye bleſſed Children of my Father, receive the Kingdom prepared for you from the

the beginning of the World. Grant this, I beseech thee, O Merciful Father, thro' Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, *&c.*

Prayers for your Child being sick.

O Almighty God, and Merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of Life and Death; Look down from Heaven, I beseech thee, with the Eyes of mercy upon my Child, now lying on the bed of sickness. Visit *him*, O Lord, with thy Salvation: Deliver *him* in thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and save *his* Soul for thy Mercies sake. If it shall be thy good pleasure to prolong his days here on Earth, grant that *he* may live to thee, and be an Instrument of thy Glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in his generation; or else receive *him* into those Heavenly Habitations, where the Souls of them that sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for thy Mercies sake, in the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

DEfend, O Lord, my Child with thy heavenly Grace, that he may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy holy Spirit more and more, until he come to thine everlasting Kingdom. *Amen,*

Our Father, *&c.*

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Prayers for your self or other, being troubled in Mind, or Conscience.

O Blessed Lord, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comforts; I beseech thee look down in pity and compassion upon me *(or A. B.)* thy afflicted servant. Thou writest bitter things against me, *(him)* and makest me *(him)* to possess my *(his)* former iniquities: Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, *(him)* and my *(his)* soul is full of trouble. But, O merciful God, who hast written thy holy word for our learning, that we thro' patience and comfort of thy holy Scriptures might have hope; Give me *(him)* a right understanding of my self, *(himself)* and of thy Threats and Promises, that I *(he)* may neither cast away my *(his)* confidence in thee, nor place it any where else but in thee; give me *(him)* strength against all my *(his)* temptations, and heal all my *(his)* distempers. Break not the bruised Read, nor quench the smoaking Flax. Shut not up thy tender mercies in displeasure; but make me *(him)* to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Deliver me (*him*) from fear of the enemy, and lift up the light of thy Countenance upon me (*him*) and give me (*him*) peace, through the Merits and Mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray,

pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon me (*or thy Servant A. B.*) the abundance of thy Mercy, forgiving me (*him* those things whereof my (*his*) conscience is afraid, and giving me (*him*) those good things which I am not worthy to ask, but thro' the Merits and Mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who dost teach the hearts of thy faithful People, by sending to them the light of thy holy Spirit; Grant me (*or thy Servant A. B.*) by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy Comfort, thro' the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the Unity of the same Spirit, one God world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, *&c.*

Prayers before you go to Church.

ALmighty and Merciful God, of whose only Gift it cometh that thy faithful People do unto thee true and laudable Service: Grant, I beseech thee, that I may so faithfully serve thee in this Life, that I fail not finally to attain thy heavenly Promises, thro' the Merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; mercifully grant that thy holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule my heart, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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O Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ dost give to the Ministers of thy Church many excellent Gifts, and commandest them earnestly to feed thy Flock; I beseech thee, leave them not destitute of those Gifts, nor yet of Grace, to use them always to thy Honour and Glory; but grant that they may, both by their Life and Doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word; and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments; And to me, and all thy People give thy heavenly grace, that with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in Holiness and Righteousness all the days of our Life; that so at last we may be all partakers of thy heavenly Kingdom, and receive the Crown of Righteousness, which thou hast promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, *&c.*

Prayers when you are returned from Church.

GRant, I beseech thee, Almighty God, that the Words which I have heard this day with my outward Ears, may thro' thy Grace be so grafted inwardly in my heart, that they may bring forth in me the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy Name, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting Life; Grant me perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth,

Truth, and the Life; That obeying his Doctrine, and following his Steps, I may ſtedfaſtly walk in thy Way, that leadeth to eternal Life; through the ſame thy Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

LOrd of all Power and Might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things; Graft in my heart the love of thy Name, increaſe in me true Religion, nouriſh me with all Goodneſs, and of thy great Mercy keep me in the ſame thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

LOrd, I pray thee, that thy Grace may always prevent and follow me, and make me continually to be given to all good works, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, *&c.*

Prayers on Sacrament-*Days, before you go out of your Houſe.*

ALmighty God, who thro' thine only begotten Son Jeſus Chriſt haſt overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlaſting life; I humbly beſeech thee, that as by thy ſpecial grace preventing me, thou haſt put into my mind good deſires, ſo by thy continual help, I may bring the ſame to good effect, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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ALmighty Father, who haſt given thine only Son to die for our ſins, and to riſe again for our juſtification; Grant me ſo to put away the leaven of Malice and Wickedneſs, that I may always ſerve thee in pureneſs of living and truth, through the merits of the ſame thy Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlaſting God, give unto me the increaſe of faith, hope and charity; and that I may obtain that which thou doſt promiſe, make me to love that which thou doſt command, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty God our heavenly Father, who haſt this day called and invited me to thy holy table, where will be adminiſtred the moſt comfortable Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Chriſt, to be received in remembrance of his Meritorious Croſs and Paſſion, whereby alone we obtain Remiſſion of our Sins, and are made Partakers of the Kingdom of Heaven. I give thee moſt humble and hearty thanks, for that thou haſt given thy Son, our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, not only to die for us, but alſo to be our ſpiritual Food and Suſtenance in that holy Sacrament. Which being ſo divine and comfortable a thing, to them who receive it worthily, and ſo dangerous to them, who preſume to receive it unworthily: I moſt humbly beſeech thee to give me thy Grace, that I may

truly consider the dignity of that holy Mystery, and the great peril of the unworthy receiving thereof; as also that I may so search and examine my conscience (and that not lightly, or after the manner of Dissemblers with thee, but so) as to come holy and clean to the heavenly Feast, in the Marriage-garment required by thy blessed Son in holy Scripture, and be received as a worthy partaker of that holy Table. Grant this, O Lord, for the sake of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, *&c.*

If you want a Form of Devotion, for your use in the Church, at the time of the Celebration of the Sacrament, *you may serve your self from* The Best Companion.

Prayers when you are returned from the Sacrament.

ALmighty and everlasting God, I most heartily thank thee, for that thou hast vouchsafed to feed me this Day, with the spiritual Food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, whereby thou dost assure the faithful of thy favour and goodness towards them, as also that they are Heirs thro' hope of thy everlasting Kingdom. And I entirely desire thy fatherly goodness, to accept this my Sa-

Sacrifice of Praiſe and Thankſgiving; moſt humbly beſeeching thee to grant, that by the Merits and Death of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, and thro' Faith in his Blood, I, and all the whole Church may obtain Remiſſion of our Sins, and all other Benefits of his Paſſion. And now again, I offer and preſent unto thee, O Lord, my ſelf, Soul and Body, to be a reaſonable, holy, and lively Sacrifice unto thee; humbly beſeeching thee, that I, and all thoſe who have been partakers of thy holy Communion, may be filled with thy heavenly Benediction. Grant this, O Lord, for thy Mercies ſake, through Jeſus Chriſt thy dear Son our Lord. *Amen.*

STrengthen me, I beſeech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghoſt the Comforter, and daily increaſe in me thy manifold gifts of grace; the ſpirit of wiſdom and underſtanding; the ſpirit of counſel and ghoſtly ſtrength; the ſpirit of knowledge and true godlineſs; and fill me, O Lord, with the ſpirit of thy holy fear now and for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, *&c.*

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